

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5283–S5380

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3523–3526, and S. Res. 562–564. **Page S5319**

Measures Reported:

S. 3249, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program and for other purposes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111–215) **Page S5319**

Measures Passed:

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5306**

Durbin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4391, to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country. **Page S5306**

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5306–09**

Durbin (for Carper) Amendment No. 4392, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5309**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 541, designating June 27, 2010, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5309–10**

Durbin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 4393, to improve the preamble. **Pages S5309–10**

Olympic Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 552, designating June 23, 2010, as “Olympic Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5310**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

DeMint motion to refer the House Message to accompany H.R. 4213, to the Committee on Finance with instructions. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5305–06**

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. (By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S5305, S5306**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4386 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5310**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4387 (to Amendment No. 4386), to change the enactment date. **Page S5310**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4388, to provide for a study. **Pages S5310–11**

Reid Amendment No. 4389 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4388) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5311**

Reid Amendment No. 4390 (to Amendment No. 4389), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5311**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Baucus) motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No.

4386 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 25, 2010. **Page S5310**

During consideration of this measure, Senate also took the following action:

Coburn Amendment No. 4331 (to Amendment No. 4369), to pay for the cost of this act by reducing wasteful, inefficient, excessive and duplicative government spending, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

Casey/Brown (OH) Amendment No. 4371 (to Amendment No. 4369), to provide for the extension of premium assistance for COBRA benefits, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

LeMieux Amendment No. 4300 (to Amendment No. 4369), to establish an expedited procedure for consideration of a bill returning spending levels to 2007 levels, fell when the Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill) was tabled. **Page S5305**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 24, 2010. **Page S5380**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mark A. Griffon, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Christopher A. Masingill, of Arkansas, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority.

Malcolm D. Jackson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S5311, S5380**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—198) **Page S5306**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011.

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Minerals Management Service reorganization, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, and Michael Browich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S PRODUCT REVIEW PROCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's review process for products to treat rare diseases and neglected tropical diseases, after receiving testimony